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Louisiana Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production in Louisiana during November totaled 0.9 million pounds, unchanged from October but down 10 percent from the previous year.

There were 1,000 head of **cattle** slaughtered during November, down 100 head from October and the previous year. Average live weight was 868 pounds, up 23 pounds from the previous month and 18 pounds above November 2005. Total live weight, at 871,000 pounds, was 9 percent below the previous month and 8 percent below the previous year.

Calves slaughtered during November totaled 300 head, unchanged from October but 200 head below the previous year. Live weight averaged 491 pounds, up 12 pounds from October and 18 pounds above a year ago. Total live weight, at 158,000 pounds, was down 4 percent from October and 37 percent below the previous year.

The number of **hogs** slaughtered during November totaled 2,000 head, up 400 head from the previous month and 200 head above October 2005. Average live weight was 166 pounds, down 12 pounds from October and 7 pounds below the previous year. Total live weight was 326,000 pounds, up 16 percent from October and 3 percent above a year ago.

The number of **sheep** slaughtered during November was 100 head, down 100 head from October but unchanged from the previous year. Live weight averaged 88 pounds, up 6 pounds

from the previous month and 7 pounds from the previous year.

United States Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.14 billion pounds in November, up 5 percent from the 3.94 billion pounds produced in November 2005.

November 2006 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays. November 2005 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.22 billion pounds, was 7 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.84 million head, up 6 percent from November 2005. The average live weight was up 7 pounds from the previous year, at 1,291 pounds.

Veal production totaled 14.3 million pounds, 15 percent above November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 66,800 head, up 18 percent from November 2005. The average live weight was 14 pounds below last year, at 351 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.89 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.37 million head, 3 percent above November 2005. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 273 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.3 million pounds, was down 3 percent from November 2005. Sheep slaughter totaled 223,800 head, slightly below last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, down 3 pounds from November a year ago.

January to November 2006 commercial red meat production was 43.5 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 2005. Accumulated beef production was up 6 percent from last year, veal was down slightly, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter and Red Meat Production

Item	Louisiana					United States			
	October	November		January - November		November		January - November	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	----- Number, thousand head -----					----- Number, thousand head -----			
Cattle	1.1	1.1	1.0	12.1	9.0	2,668.1	2,841.2	29,720.5	31,075.3
Calves	0.3	0.5	0.3	5.3	3.1	56.4	66.8	674.3	643.5
Hogs	1.6	1.8	2.0	18.4	16.0	9,133.2	9,367.6	94,347.0	95,855.6
Sheep & Lambs	0.2	0.1	0.1	1.6	1.4	224.6	223.8	2,467.0	2,470.0
	----- Total live weight, thousand pounds -----					----- Total live weight, thousand pounds -----			
Cattle	953	946	871	10,695	7,339	3,426,680	3,668,805	37,273,139	39,518,093
Calves	164	252	158	2,658	1,605	20,595	23,432	237,132	232,824
Hogs	282	316	326	3,573	3,087	2,483,833	2,552,774	25,317,607	25,838,064
Sheep & Lambs	14	10	12	151	136	31,545	30,627	340,261	338,885
	----- Average live weight, pounds -----					----- Average live weight, pounds -----			
Cattle	845	850	868	884	815	1,284	1,291	1,254	1,272
Calves	479	473	491	502	518	365	351	352	362
Hogs	178	173	166	194	193	272	273	268	270
Sheep & Lambs	82	81	88	94	98	140	137	138	137
	----- Million pounds -----					----- Million pounds -----			
Red Meat	0.9	1.0	0.9	11.1	8.0	3,942.7	4,137.2	41,756.7	43,547.5

Louisiana Hog Inventory

Louisiana's total hog inventory for December 1, 2006, at 14,000 head, was unchanged from December 2005. At 2,000 head, the Louisiana breeding hog inventory was the same as the December 1 inventory a year ago. Market hog inventories totaled 12,000 head, unchanged from a year earlier.

The December 2005 - November 2006 Louisiana pig crop, at 26,000 head, was down 1,000 head from the pig crop in December 2004 - November 2005 period. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3,700 head, up 100 head from the previous year. An average of 7.03 pigs were saved per litter during the December 2005 - November 2006 period.

United States Hog Inventory

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2006 was 62.1 million head. This was up 1 percent from December 1, 2005, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2006.

Breeding inventory, at 6.09 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 56.1 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2006 pig crop, at 26.6 million head, was up 1 percent from 2005 and up 3 percent from 2004. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.91 million head, up slightly from 2005 and up 1 percent from 2004. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.13 for the September-November 2006 period, compared to 9.03 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.60 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.20 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

Hogs and Pigs on Farms, December 1, 2006

Item	Louisiana		United States ¹	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
	----- 1,000 Head -----		----- 1,000 Head -----	
Total Hogs and Pigs	14.0	14.0	61,449	62,149
Breeding	2.0	2.0	6,011	6,088
Market	12.0	12.0	55,438	56,061
Under 60 pounds	4.0	4.0	20,055	20,334
60-119 pounds	3.0	3.0	13,524	13,603
120-179 pounds	2.0	2.0	11,293	11,544
180 pounds & over	3.0	3.0	10,567	10,580

¹ Weight groups may not add to market total due to rounding.

Annual Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs per Litter and Pig Crop, selected States and United States, December 2005 – November 2006

Selected States	Sows Farrowing		Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	----- 1,000 Head -----		----- Number -----		----- 1,000 Head - -----	
Alabama	32.0	32.0	8.91	8.66	285.0	277.0
Arkansas	171.0	160.0	9.63	9.64	1,647.0	1,543.0
Louisiana	3.6	3.7	7.50	7.03	27.0	26.0
Mississippi	70.0	74.5	8.86	9.33	620.0	695.0
Texas	177.0	182.0	9.16	9.14	1,621.0	1,664.0
United States	11,535.0	11,590.0	9.01	9.10	103,965.0	105,423.0

Prices Received Index Up

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 121 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 1 point from November. The Crop Index was up 6 points, but the Livestock Index decreased 3 points. Producers received higher commodity prices for lettuce, corn, grapes and broccoli. Lower prices were received for turkeys, cattle, hogs and tomatoes. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of oranges, wheat, milk and broilers offset decreased marketings of cattle, soybeans, grapes and corn.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index was up 6 points from December 2005. The Food Commodities Index, at 123, increased 2 points from last month and 1 point from December 2005.

Prices Paid Index Up

The December Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates is 148 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is up 2 points from November and 5 points above December 2005. Higher prices in December for complete feeds, feed concentrates, feed supplements and diesel fuel offset lower prices for nitrogen fertilizers, building materials, feeder cattle and LP gas.

Average Prices Received by Farmers: November 2006

Item	Louisiana			United States		
	Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary
	December 2005	November 2006	December 2006 ¹	December 2005	November 2006	December 2006 ¹
	----- Dollars -----			----- Dollars -----		
Soybeans, per bushel	5.93	6.21	6.41	5.78	6.07	6.14
Rice, per cwt	7.21	10.30	10.30	7.49	10.00	9.85
Upland Cotton, per pound	.473	.474	.485 ²	.480	.476	.479 ²
Hay, all, baled, per ton	n/a	n/a	n/a	92.00	106.00	108.00
Beef Cattle, per cwt ³	62.30	56.80	55.70	93.30	84.70	83.70
Steers & Heifers, per cwt	102.00	84.90	87.00	99.60	90.20	89.20
Cows, per cwt ⁴	43.60	41.00	41.00	47.10	43.40	42.90
Calves, per cwt	122.00	105.00	107.00	137.00	118.00	115.00
Broilers, live, per pound	n/a	n/a	n/a	.390	.400	.400
Eggs, all, per dozen	n/a	n/a	n/a	.719	.817	.806
Milk, all, per cwt ⁵	n/a	n/a	n/a	14.80	13.90	14.20

¹Mid-month.

²Preliminary prices are based on sales during the first half of the month.

³“Cows” and “steers and heifers” combined.

⁴Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

⁵Before deductions for hauling and government withholdings. Includes bulk tank, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

n/a = not available.

**Cotton Ginnings: Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters) Prior to
December 15, by Crop, State and United States, Crop Years 2003– 2006**

Crop and State	Running Bales Ginned			
	2003	2004	2005	2006
<u>All Cotton</u>				
Alabama	728,150	723,300	754,950	590,850
Arizona	368,600	440,050	386,200	337,800
Arkansas	1,720,800	1,946,600	2,073,600	2,373,950
California	1,452,900	1,798,750	1,286,900	1,027,800
Florida	113,700	86,900	102,950	127,800
Georgia	1,773,350	1,603,950	1,760,050	1,813,250
Kansas	28,300	9,800	56,050	64,250
Louisiana	1,028,300	881,600	1,105,650	1,249,000
Mississippi	2,038,650	2,227,400	2,088,550	2,027,850
Missouri	655,800	782,950	860,650	898,950
New Mexico	48,400	44,100	51,050	39,300
North Carolina	931,950	1,262,850	1,208,100	1,152,750
Oklahoma	159,900	175,600	214,000	150,500
South Carolina	263,750	336,300	324,400	320,700
Tennessee	821,300	912,400	1,062,650	1,176,950
Texas	3,444,500	3,701,700	4,927,150	4,235,100
Virginia	99,650	138,100	138,300	123,700
United States	15,678,000	17,072,350	18,401,200	17,710,500
<u>American-Pima</u>				
Arizona	1/	1/	2,550	1/
California	269,750	432,900	348,900	403,850
New Mexico	1/	1/	9,500	1/
Texas	31,850	27,450	24,400	28,700
United States	313,550	475,200	385,350	451,150

¹ Not published to avoid disclosing individual gins, but included in US totals.

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